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Organization and Personalities of SMA Thuringia

1. The offices of SMA Thuringia are located in three large buildings on Karl Marx Platz, Weimar. SMA has a departmental organization nearly paralleled to that of the German administration, with which it maintains close contact and over which it exercises almost complete control. This control is not limited to matters of general policy, but plays a decisive role in every phase of government, down to the selection of even minor German employees.
2. The head of SMA Thuringia is Guards Major General Ivan Suzonovich Kolesnichenko. His deputy and executive officer, who is responsible for the internal administration of SMA, is Major General Ivan Vassilyevich Smirnov. Supervisor of all Komendatory in Land Thuringia and of SMA officers is Major General Karpolyuk.

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Political Department: Colonel Varakin

a. SED: Major Babenko, Captain Roitman
These two officers attend all SED conferences, Landtag sessions, and meetings of the party secretariat; issue directives to the party; are informed on the most minute happenings within the party.

b. LDP and CDU: Major Bovolotski

He attends all party congresses and meetings and all Landtag sessions.

c. Censorship: Captain Blekman

Blekman is a close collaborator of all publication licensees, particularly Fritz Heilmann of Thuringer Volk. Although censorship was officially abolished during the summer of 1947, every newspaper edition and press release must be approved by the censorship office before printing.

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d. Theatre and Motion Pictures: Captain Zalman, 1st Lt. Avakov

These two junior officers exercise complete control over the selection of all plays, movies, and actors. They are in close contact with Bortfeld, Director of the Weimar National Theatre, and Plievier, former President of the Kulturbund and his successor (name unknown).

e. Society for the Study of Soviet Culture: Captain Zavin

Zavin is in close contact with Dr. Mette, of the Health Division of the Ministry of Interior, and Rosker, a German employee of the Society.

Department for Industry and Reparations: Major Shinkevich

Major Shinkevich works closely with Appell, Minister of Economy, and particularly with Frommhold, head of the Industry Division of the Ministry of Economy. He exercises complete control over all Thuringian production and receives comprehensive reports and production figures every ten days on all important Thuringian industrial establishments.

Department of Finance: Yedemski (civilian)

a. Yedemski controls all finance and works with Moog, Finance Minister; supervises banks and insurance companies.

b. Soviet AGs: Mokhov (civilian, former general)

Mokhov collaborates with Frommhold and his deputy Alex, of the Industry Division of the Ministry of Economy.

Department of Justice and Police: Lt. Colonel Ivanov

a. Ivanov is a close collaborator of Eggerath, former Minister of Interior, new Minister-President; Rausch, Thuringian police chief; Geissler, Director of Criminal Police; Bergner, denazification officer and Chief of Personnel for the Thuringian administration in the Ministry of Interior; and Kütz, Minister of Justice. The entire Department of Justice and Police is staffed and controlled by the MVD, and although officially part of SMA, Ivanov appears to be responsible not to Major General Kolesnichenko but to General Malkov, presumably in Berlin. Ivanov's offices are at Lottenstrasse 54, and he reports to Kolesnichenko only for such obvious matters as denazification.

b. Pass Division: Captain Zasyanov, 1st Lt. Veisman

This division is officially under the Political Department, but actually is controlled by Ivanov.

c. Denazification: Captain Velichko

He works closely with Oberregierungsrat Bergner, who is Chief of Personnel for the Thuringian administration and Thuringian denazification officer, both under the Ministry of Interior.

Department for Refugees and Repatriates: Captain Korniyushko

Korniyushko supervises the repatriation of all aliens who arrived in Germany since 1941 and the settlement of German expellees from Czechoslovakia, Poland, etc. He works closely with Faust, Chief of the German Resettlement Office in the Ministry of Interior, and Mrs. von Diemen of the same office.

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Department for Agriculture: Colonel Ivanov, Captain Nikolayev

They determine the acreage and the type of crops, control all reserve food stocks, and collaborate with Grosse, Minister of Agriculture.

Department for Food Allocation: Syomin (civilian), Colonel Vashkevich

These two administrators control allocation and distribution of food, assign Class 1 and 2 ration cards (heavy labor card) and additional food items for hospitals, hotels, and public kitchens, and cooperate with Huttenrauch, Chief of Food Division in Ministry of Agriculture.

Department for Education: Bogatiryev (civilian), Captain Shevchenko

They work with Dr. (Frau) Turhorst, Minister of Education; Bogatiryev controls universities and high schools; Shevchenko is in charge of lower schools and training of Russian language teachers.

Department of Health: Major Vinogradov

He supervises the activities of Dr. Drexler, Chief of the Health Division in the Ministry of Interior.

Department for Fuels: Captain Kutsenok

He controls Gerkosch, Chief of the Fuel Division, Ministry of Economy.

SMA Administrative Office: Captain Fedun

Fedun covers all official incoming and outgoing SMA correspondence except occasional directives for Colonel Varakin's Political Department, which appear to come directly from Colonel Tulpanov, SMA Karlshorst, and all of Lt. Colonel Ivonov's mail, which appears to come directly from his higher headquarters, presumably General Malkov, Berlin.

Komendatary: Major General Karpelyuk

Karpelyuk controls the 24 (?) Kreis komendatary of Thuringia, an unknown number of city komendatary, and all their officers.

Weimar City Komendatura
Sondershausen City Komendatura
Saalfeld City Komendatura
Political officer

Colonel Fonderantsev
Colonel Fedotov
Major Novikov
Babkin (civilian or major)

Department for Demolition (Demilitarization): Colonel Kortunov

Colonel Kortunov supervises the demolition and destruction of German military establishments and armament factories; works closely with Solimitz, Chief of the Explosives Division, operating directly under the administrative office of the minister-president. He is responsible to Major General Karpelyuk, who is head of demolition activities as well as komendatary.

Miscellaneous SMA Internal Administration Department: Major General Smirnov

Four or more departments under this classification are concerned exclusively with internal administration of SMA (pay, promotion, personnel, etc.) and have no contact with the German administration.

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4. Russian Personalities in SNA Thuringia

AVAKOV, called Yasha
1st Lt., Political
Department SNA

AVDEYEV, Nikolai
1st Lt., MVD, Department
of Police SNA

BABENKO
Major, Political Depart-
ment SNA

BABISHEV
Captain, Political De-
partment SNA

BABKIN, Leonid
Major, Political Officer,
Saalfeld Komendatura

BELOKONYEV
Lt. Col., Political Of-
ficer, Erfurt Komendatura

BELYAVSKI
General, deputy to Col.
Gen. BOLDIN, Red Army CG
for Thuringia

BEZHANOV
General, Commander Oper-
sector Weimar MGB, prede-
cessor of MIROSHNICHENKO

BLEKHMAN
Captain, Political De-
partment SNA, Censorship

BOGATIRYEV
Civilian, SNA Higher
Education Officer

BOLDIN
Colonel General, Com-
mander of Red Army in
Thuringia

FEDOTOV
Colonel, City Komendatura of Sondershausen

FEDUN
Captain, Administrative
Officer SNA

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FONDERANTS'Y
Colonel, Weimar City Com-
mandant

GOLDMAN
Captain, SMA Interzonal
Trade Division

IVANOV
Colonel, SMA Department
for Agriculture

IVANOV, Konstantin
Lt. Col. MVD; Chief of
SMA Police and Justice
Department

KALGANOV, Anatoli
Lt., Member of Weimar
Komendatura

KAPLUN
Major, SMA Department
for Industry and
Reparations

KARPELYUK
Major General, Director
of Thuringian Komenda-
tury and Demolition
Department

KIRSANOV, Leonid
Captain, Deputy Com-
mandant of Sonders-
hausen

KOLESNICHENKO, Ivan
Suzonovich
Guards Major General,
Commander of SMA
Thuringia

KORNYUSHKO
Captain, SMA Department
for Repatriation

KORTEOV
Colonel, SMA Demilitari-
zation, Finance Depart-
ment

KUTSECHOK
Captain, SMA Depart-
ment for Fuels

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MALKOV

General, position unknown, presumably in Berlin and superior of Lt. Colonel IVANOV, MVD, SMA Police

MIROSHNICHENKO

Colonel, Commander of KGB Opersector Thuringia

MOLHOV

Civilian, former general; Soviet AG Division of SMA Finance Department

MOROZOV, Valentin Leonid

Captain, MVD, SMA Police and Justice Department

NOVIKOV

Major, Commandant Saalfeld

OZEREVSKI

Captain, SMA Political Department

PONOMAREV

Major, Chief of Weimar SMR Office

POVOLOTSKI

Major, LDP and CDU Officer in SMA Political Department

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ROITMAN

Captain, SMA Political Department

SHEVCHENKO

Captain, SMA Education Department

SHINKEVICH

Major, SMA Department for Industry and Reparations

SMIRNOV, Ivan Vassilyevich

Major General, Deputy Commander of SMA

SUKHARYEV

1st Lt. MVD, SMA Police Department

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SUMAROKOV

Lt., Adjutant to
KOLLESNICHENKO

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SYONIN

Civilian, SMA Depart-
ment for Food Alloca-
tion

VARAKIN

Colonel, SMA Political
Department

VASHKEVICH

Lt. Col., SMA Depart-
ment for Food Allocation

VEISHAN, Boris

1st Lt., SMA Pass
Division

VELICHKO

Captain IVD, SMA
Police Department

YEDENSKI

Civilian, SMA Depart-
ment of Finance

ZAKHAN

Captain, SMA Political
Department

ZASINOV, Boris

Captain, SMA Pass
Division

SAVIN

Major or Captain, SMA
Political Department

NIKOLAYEV

Captain, S A Depart-
ment for Agriculture

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VINOGRADOV

Major, Department of
Health

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